

In The Claims

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (currently amended) A call waiting method for use in a telecommunications network in which a first caller is engaged in a current call with a second caller, and for processing an incoming call from a third caller to the first caller, the method comprising the steps of:

providing identification of a plurality of callers in a predefined caller group;

detecting an incoming call from a third caller to a first caller, the first caller presently being engaged in a current call with a second caller;

checking if the third caller is a member of the predefined caller group;

if the third caller is a member of the predefined caller group:

signaling the third caller to leave a message to be sent to the first caller with a call waiting indication;

recording a message from the third caller;

providing to the first caller a ~~call waiting indication along with~~ the recorded message as a call waiting indicator from the third caller; and

if the third caller is not a member of the predefined caller group:

providing to the first caller only a call waiting indication.

2. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the call waiting ~~indication is~~ indicator further comprises at least one of a predetermined tone, an image, and a caller identification.